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SUBJECT: KRSKO NUCLEAR POWER PROJECT

REF: BELGRADE 4676, 4808 AND STATE 216259

1. VICE PRESIDENT MITJA RIBICIC TOLD AMBASSADOR THAT "POLITICAL DECISION HAS BEEN REACHED" ON AWARDED OF KRSKO CONTRACT, AND THAT "OUTCOME WOULD BE FAVORABLE TO AMERICAN SIDE."

2. IN COURSE OF AMBASSADOR'S COURTESY CALL, NOVEMBER 12, RIBICIC EXPLAINED YUGOSLAV POLITICAL LEADERSHIP KEENLY INTERESTED IN STRENGTHENING ECONOMIC TIES WITH U.S. ON OTHER HAND, THERE IS STRONG FEELING, PARTICULARLY IN SLOVENIA AND CROATIA, THAT EFFORTS SHOULD BE MADE TO DOWNGRADE CURRENT OVER-RELIANCE ON ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY. YUGOSLAVIA "PAID HEAVY PRICE IN LATE 40'S", RIBICIC RECALLED, FOR TYING ECONOMY TO ONE COUNTRY, USSR.

3. SOME KRSKO DETAILS STILL REMAIN TO BE WORKED OUT, RIBICIC CONTINUED, BUT HE WAS HIGHLY SATISFIED WITH BASIC DECISION IN FAVOR OF US SUPPLIER, SINCE (1) AMERICAN NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY IS "VASTLY SUPERIOR", AND (2) AWARDED CONTRACT TO GERMAN
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FIRM WOULD COMPOUND OVER-RELIANCE PROBLEM.

4. COMMENT: RIBIC COMMENT STRONGLY REINFORCES PREVIOUS INDICATIONS (SEE EMBTELS) THAT WESTINGHOUSE HAS MOVED INTO COMMANDING LEAD IN KRSKO BIDDING. FIRM'S MARKETING DIRECTOR RICHARDS TELLS US, HOWEVER, THAT OUTCOME MAY STILL DEPEND TO CONSIDERABLE EXTENT ON FORTHCOMING EX-IM BANK RESPONSE TO PROJECT DIRECTOR TELEX CONCERNING FINANCING OF DOLSKO AND JERTOVAC GAS TURBINE PLANTS. THAT TELEX, REPORTEDLY SENT NOVEMBER 12, IS SAID TO STATE THAT LETTER OF INTENT WILL BE ISSUED TO WESTINGHOUSE IF FINANCING FOR DOLSKO-JERTOVAC CAN BE ALONG LINES FINANCING FOR KRSKO.
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